2. Initiating steps to make uniform legislation involving sandalwood trade all over the country.

3. Banning export of sandalwood except 50 gms. pieces.

4. Guidelines have been issued to the State Governments in respect of the following:—

(i) Legal procurement certificate of one State should not be valid in other States.

(ii) Amount of reward to informers should increase from the present rate of 5 per cent to 20 per cent of the value of wood seized.

(iii) Common Task Force of three States of Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu should be formed which include officials of both Forest and Police Departments for operating in the border areas.

(iv) Regulating the number of sandal oil mills in Kerala.

(b) There is no proposal under consideration of Central Government to grow sandal wood trees outside its natural zone.

Meeting of Expert Group on Health Care

@@1427. SHRI B. K. HARI PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a two day meeting of the national expert on health was convened by Government recently as reported in the Financial Express of 3rd July, 1990; if so, what was the composition of this group;

(b) what are the major recommendations of this expert group for revamping our health care system; and

(c) whether there is any suggestion to increase the per capita expenditure on health case, if so, what has been the average spending in this behalf for the last three years and what is the figure now proposed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. A two day meeting of the national experts on Health and Family Welfare was convened by Planning Commission on 29th and 30th June, 1990. Professionals in the field of health care system and Population from Government of India, State Governments, Voluntary Agencies, Professional Institutions and Non-Governmental Organisations attended the meetings.

(b) Important issues discussed related to the development of primary health care services which had been accepted as the main instrument of action to achieve 'Health for All' by the year 2000 A.D. The need for decentralised planning, implementation of health services and the participation of the non-governmental agencies and voluntary organisations was stressed by the group of experts. Serious concern was expressed about the poor quality of medical and para-medical education in the country. It was recognised that the Indian Systems of medicine and Homoeopathy could play a vital role in promoting the health of the people particularly in the rural areas. The experts felt that the existing health and family welfare programmes were not adequately integrated Unanimous opinion expressed in favour of discontinuing all types of cash incentives and awards in the programme except for those meant for compensation for loss of wages. The experts observed that the population control programme could succeed only if it becomes a multisectoral activity cutting across administrative lines and sectors. The panel of experts suggested that an autonomous national population commission needs to be created with support structures at the State, districts, block levels and the Panchayati Raj Institutions. This Commission would be responsible for policy and programme formulation, monitoring and evaluation and resource allocation.

(c) Yes, Sir. A general consensus was expressed towards increasing and rationalising per capita expenditure on health. The latest available per capita expenditure on Health Care received from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare during the years 1980-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87 is

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Rs. 41.24, Rs. 47.82 and Rs. 54 57 respectively. No specific proposal was made during the meeting regarding the per capita expenditure on health care.

Shifting of Annual Welfare Board from Madras

@@@1428. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to shift the Animal Welfare Board from Madras; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Government have decided that the office of Animal Welfare Board will continue to be in Madras

@@@Previously Unstarred Question 571 transferred from the 10th August, 1990

Insufficient Research Development Work by Public Sector Companies

£1429. SHRI G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the public sector companies are not paying sufficient attention on research and development and that at present they are spending a very meagre amount (1 to 2 per cent) on this account which hampering the development of indigenous technology, even though there are vast possibilities: and

(b) if so, what corrective steps Government propose to take in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN):

(a) and (b) The public sector companies are paying increased attention to research and development actvities as may be seen from the figures given below:—

Year	Amount spent on R&D (Rs. in crores)	Percenage increase over the previons year
1984-85	132.36	
1985-86	149.05	12.61
1986-87	178.25	19.59
1987-88	208.67	17.07
1988-89	300.47	43.99

£Previously Unstarred Question 815 transferred from the 13th August, 1990.

Glass Shell Project with Chinese Collaboration

1430. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tosha Picture Tube Limited is proposing to set up a glass shell project of about 100 crores in collaboration with China and that a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed;

(b) if so, whether there is any limiting factor for investment and collaboration in the said project; and

(c) whether Government would involve itself in the project instead of leaving it to the private sector?